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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 LUIS MAGANA-RAMIREZ,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-0092-JCC-3

ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. Defendant was recently sentenced in this
16 matter. (See Dkt. Nos. 1144, 1145.) In preparation for the sentencing hearing, the parties made
17 various sealed and *ex parte* submissions. (See Dkt. Nos. 1079, 1081, 1089, 1099, 1128, 1138,
18 1141.) While the public has a common law right to inspect and copy public records, including
19 those from judicial proceedings, these rights are not absolute. They must yield when (1) sealing a
20 document serves a compelling interest, (2) that is substantially likely to be harmed if the
21 document is not sealed, and (3) there are no less restrictive alternatives for protecting the interest.
22 See *United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998 (9th Cir. 2017). Given the nature of the information
23 contained in these submissions, these criteria are met here. Accordingly, the parties' submissions
24 (Dkt. Nos. 1079, 1081, 1089, 1099, 1128, 1138, 1141) shall remain under seal.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE